## CHANDLER'S REPORT.

THE NEEDS OF THE U. S. NAVY.

The Secretary Describes the Condition of Our Men-of-War, and Explains Why They are No Better.

Washington, Dec. 5 .- Secretary Chandler's annual report was made public to-day. A considerable portion is devoted to the question of strengthening our navy. The new cruisers, the Atalanta and the Boston, have been launched, and the Chicago is nearly completed. The department is confirmed in the opinion that the criticism advanced last year against the new ships were of little moment, or based upon ideas at variance with the progress of modern ship-building. As to the want of full sail power and the absence of sheathing, it appears that the British admiralty is now building steel cruisers of the Leander and Mersey classes absolutely without musts or sails and unsheathed. The objections to the machinery of the Chicago are met by the satisfactory performances of the Louisiana, a vessel with machinery generally similar. The armor of the Miantonomoh is nearly completed and in place. The machinery of the Amphitrite and Terror is about one-half completed, while that of the Puritan is finished. No work has been done much the halfs of the manufactors. Common upon the halls of the monitors. Common upon the hulls of the monitors. Common prudence, the Secretary says, demands that immediate steps be taken to remedy the defenseless condition of our coasts and harbors. And the most rapid economical measure which can be adopted at the present time is to push the partially-constructed monitors to completion. The report states the conclusions of the advisory board recommending the construction of one cruiser of 4,500 tons, one cruiser of 3,000 tons, one dispatch vessel of 1,500 tons, two heavily-armed gun-boats of 1,500 tons each, one steel ram, one cruising torpedo-

each, one steel ram, one cruising torpedo-boat, two harbor torpedo-boats, and one armored vessel not exceeding 7,000 tons. The department in adopting the tons. The department in adopting the recommendation calls special attention to the necessity for torpedo-boats. In general, the Secretary recommends the construction of seven modern cruisers annually for the period of ten years. Such a plan, while conforming to the conservative demands of our policy, and affording ample time for adopting the conservation of the conservation and the conservation and the conservation and the conservation are policy. ing every new device in construction, would ing every new device in construction, would give the country, at a moderate cost, a navy adequate to train its officers and maintain its safety and honor. The Secretary says that at the end of fifteen years the only cruising vessels of the present list remaining will be the three iron vessels, the Monarch, Alert and Ranger. He renews his former recommendation that the limitation of repairs to wooden vessels should continue of repairs to wooden vessels should continue at twenty per cent. of their cost. The real explanation of the disproportion between the expenditures and results accomplished in the naval administration is to be found, Secretary Chandler says, in the policy of attempting at great cost to rehabilitate worn-out structures under the name of repairs and reconstruction in the absence of a fixed are terms easily interchange-The practice of reconstructing vessels under the name of repair is only a pretext upon which our overgrown navy yard establishments could be justified, and, it apears, that instead of maintaining our yards

for the advantage and benefit of our ships, the ships have dragged out a protracted existance for the benefit of the yards. Only two naval works, the Secretary thinks, should be maintained on the Atlantic coast, and one on the Pacific. The New London yard should be restored to Connecticut, and the League Island yard to Philadelphia. The Boston yard should be sold or re-duced in size. The Pensacola and Portsmouth duced in size. The Pensacola and Portsmouth yards may be kept for naval stations. The work-shops will then be at New York, Norfolk and Mare Island. These need certain improvements in organization. All politics should be excluded from the management, and responsibility for work must be more definitely fixed and there should be at each working yard a supervising naval instructor appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, from civil life or from the navy, who should have direct charge of all work. The gun-foundry board, the Secre-tary says, has obtained information that there are responsible steel manufacturers in this country, who, although not previded at present with the necessary plant, are willing to construct the same and make contracts with the Government for a supply of material for the heaviest guns, if guaranteed an order of sufficient magnitude, with a positive riation covering a series of shall be made by Congress.

The report comments severely upon the existing practice of the securing by solicitation of persons possessed of political or social influence in behalf of officers, whether for the purpose of obtaining agreeable duty or of effecting a restoration by legislation of those who have been dismissed for drunkenness or other misconduct, or for incapacity. Such restorations demoralize the service. Public opinion should sternly condemn all who have been guilty of misconduct, as well as those who lend themselves to efforts for the restoration of officers removed. He

refers to the President's veto message on the FitzJohn Porter bill, pointing out the unconstitutionality of such legislation, and showing that the constitution provided an effectual barrier to any restoration by legislation particular officers.

The report dwells upon the close connec

tion between the improvement in the navy and the development in the Merchant Marine. It shows that to make the latter commrate with our trade, our coast line and the number and wealth of our commercial cities, we must have great lines of ocean stramships of high speed and large capacity, carrying our flag to the most distant lands, thereby saving to our people of the vast pro-fits of the carrying trade. The only way to accomplish this result is through direct encouragement given by the government either in the form of bounties upon construction, ar of payment for carrying the mail, so that American capitalists may be induced to embark in the business.

The recent enactment repealing the laws requiring all American vessels arbitrarily to carry foreign mails to be supplemented by a provision that contracts for carrying such mails in American lines of steamers over all mails in American lines of steamers over all the principal ocean highways should be let for a term of years to the lowest bidder, allequate compensation therefor to be issued by the Government upon the same principal as that adopted in establishing our great national post-rates on land.

The expenditures of the Department during the past fiscal years were \$17,292,661. The extension of the post fiscal years were \$17,292,661.

estimates for ordinary purposes and public works for the next fiscal year are \$17,830,638.

# A Serious Charge.

Dayron, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Quite a sensation was brought to light this morning by the arrest of Thomas J. Benskin, at the instance I his wife, who charges him with bigamy. Who his Cincinnati wife is is not known here. Benshin alleged that her husband des-later three years ago at Toledo, has said in three piaces, and, she alleges, at the death of a roung girl named Brown in Ft. Wayne by abortion after has ber.

A DOCTOR TESTIFIES.

Holcomb Talks to Samuel Crawford of a "Damned Rebel."

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 5 .- The first witness put upon the stand by the prosecution in the case against Dan S. Holcomb, yesterday afternoon, was Dr. Nathan H. Williams, of Jackson, (Dan's family physician). The prosecution did this to please the defense, who declared before the close of the forenoon session that the people didn't want to deal fair, or they would give the doctor a chance to say how the victims of the great tragedy met their deaths, a fact which they said had not been done satisfactorily as yet. Dr. Williams held the post mortem, assisted by Dr. Gibson. The doctor said on the stand that Jacob Crouch's death was the result of the shot back of the ear and was instantaneous. White's death was the same. but he thought it possible Polley might have had a spasmodic motion of the muscles which had moved the bed-clothing over his body. Mrs. White died from one to two hours after she was shot and the blood upon her lips indicated the shot passed into her lungs. Her eyes were open, in his opinion, when the shot was fired. The eyes of all the others were closed when they were shot.

After Dr. Williams came Samuel Crawford, of Blackman, who was a nephew of Jacob D. Crouch. Crawford saw Dan Holcomb upon the streets here a day or two after the burial of his wife, and Holcomb remarked to witness: "They have done all they can to her now, and I don't care what they can to her how, and I don't care what comes, but I wish my wife could have lived to see the guilty parties found, but it was that damned rebel that killed my wife." Holcomb then got into a cutter and drove away. Witness didn't have any chance to ask him whom he meant by the "damned color".

Mrs. George N. Hatch sworn: In company with her husband she met Dan the morning after the tragedy as she was coming into the city about 11 o'clock. Dan was going to the Crouch house, and he stopped them and said to Mr. Hatch: "George, is this true; are they all dead?" adding, "I don't see who could kill that old man who never harmed kill that old man, who never harmed anyone." Holcomb had not been to the house, but was on his way there on foot.

This ended the testimony for the people

without touching the conspiracy branch of the testimony, but the defense said they would like to have one or two of the former witnesses recalled, as they had a question or two to ask them. Therefore Detective Harris was put on and said he found the thirty-eight calibre revolver at Holcomb's house in a drawer among some bed clothing and ladies' wearing apparel. He had got the original statement made by Holcomb at the interview in the Hibbard House Jan. 15, which he handed to the defense for their in-

drawer in Polley's room; saw no blood upon the clothing in Polley's room. Jackson, Mich. Dec. 5.—Mr. Gibson for

the people and Wilson for the defense used up the forenoon in the Holcomb trial arguing on the question of conspiracy. Gibson said the prosecution could go no further without bringing Judd and Foy into the case. They had shown that Judd had brought the famous rubber boots for Holcomb and that Foy was trying to buy thirty-eight calibre cartridges—while Holcomb claimed no such pastol was ever there. He said the people needed no evidence of conspiracy; a concert of action on the part of those who would be benefited by Crouch's death, was enough. The jury must determine if a conspiracy ex-isted, not the court. He also said he could show concert of action all through if allowed

Wilson said the people had given no evidence upon this point, nor would they do so, notwithstanding they promised to. He said they had got none of the alleged conspirators nearer than two miles from the tragedy on that night, and never would.

The arguments are still in progress, and a decision on this point will probably not be made this week.

Guilty of Murderous Assault.

Special Dispatch to THE TELEGRAM.

Hastines, Dec. 5.-Samuel McManigan, of Woodland township, to-day pleaded guilty to the charge of assault with intent to murder upon Jerry Bessy. A sentence of two years and a half at Jackson was pronounced upon

A Man-Slayer Sentenced.

LENONIR, N. C., Dec. 5 .- The trial of Ed Ray, for the murder of Miller and Burleson in a quarrel for possession of a mica mine in Mitchell County in February last, has ended in Ray's conviction for manslaughter. He was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment. Ray is a desperate character and is said to have killed seven men since the war.

NOTED PEOPLE.

Robert Burdette has returned from a Southern lecturing tour to his home at Ard-

Mark Twain and his friend, Mr. Cable, carried away over a thousand dollars apiece for their two readings in Washington.

Mr. Bartlett, of the navy, has shaped a scientific model of the bottom of the Caribbean Sea for the New Orleans Exposition. . Gen. Butler's furniture in Washington was sold at auction, bringing more than the real value owing to the general curiosity over the sale. Some of the General's personal effects

The Prince of Naples, King Hambert's heir, a lad of fifteen, is weak in mind and body. His parents are first cousins. His greatest accomplishment is talking English, which he learned from English nurses and

The Emperor of Germany recently sub-ected himself to the "thought-reading" powers of Stuart Cumberland. His Majesty thought of 1861, the year of his coronation as King of Prussia, and Mr. Cumberland wrote the figures at the first attempt.

Phil Thompson, of Kentucky, who killed a friend last year, and who has been the special advocate of the whisky ring in its efforts to get the whisky tax extended, is being urged upon President Cleveland for the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Captain E. D. Ellsworth, father of Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth, who was shot in Alexan-dria while tearing down a rebel flag, at the beginning of the war, still maintains, in a pasture in Mechanicsville, the horse that belonged to his son, which is now thirty-three years old.

Sarah Bernhardt is said to be subject to sudden attacks of piety. One day recently she was surprised by her doctor in the act of prayer, with her attenuated hands clasped and her eyes applifted as she pitcously mouned "Mon Dien!" She bewails the fact that her son refused to become a clergyman.

John McCullough's friends are contemplating restraining him from wandering from city to city, fearing that his unhinged mind may fail him completely and some accident befall him. He has not more than \$15,000 to \$20,000, all told, having lent or given away most of his fortune, and much of this be carries about with him.

## VARIOUS POSTAL BILLS.

A DAY ASKED TO CONSIDER THEM

Their Titles, and Brief Explanations of the Changes Congress is Asked to Legislate Upon.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.-The House Committee on Post Offices and Post-Roads to-day decided to ask for a day to be set aside for the consideration of bills reported from that committee, the bills to be taken up in the following order, should the House grant the request: Postal Telegram bill, providing for the establishment of a contract system of Postal Telegraph; bill to regulate mail contract. [This is designed to guard against any repetition of the frauds similar to those in the star-route cases]; bill fixing the rate of postage on first-class mailable matter. [This fixes letter postage at two cents per ounce, or fraction thereof in lieu of present half-ounce rate]; bill authorizing the Post Master-General to make an allowance for rent on third-class postoffices; bill to regulate the compensation of
railroads for carrying mails. [This bill is
based on the report of the committee appointed last winter to
consider that subject, and to
determine the compensation by weight and
space instead of by weight alone, as in the determine the compensation by weight and space instead of by weight alone, as in the present system.] A bill to provide for the deposit in the Treasury of receipts of money order offices for the payment of its expenses out of appropriations, and to consolidate money order business with the regular mail service with a view to decreasing expenses. The special delivery of letters by messengers at all hours is a subject which will receive the attention of the committee, and it is stated that those who opposed it last session. have now signified a willingness to let such a bill be passed.

#### SIX PERSONS SHOT DEAD.

A Jealous Young Man Shoots Five People and Winds up by Suicide.

WALWORTH, Neb., Dec. 5 .- Samuel Faiquar has for some time been paying attentions to a young woman named Mary Finley. Becoming jealous he laid in wait last night, and when the young woman, accompanied by her sister Fannie and two young men, named Chas. Wattlets and John Williams, were returning from a dance he pour-ed two loads of buckshot among them, kill-ing all four instantly. John Finley, father of the girls, heard the shooting and came to Sheriff Winney said he found a revolver the door of the house to investigate, when Farquar, having reloaded, shot and killed up by shooting himself, mak-

A Salvation Panic.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 5 .- A panie was created at to-night's meeting of the Salvation Army in the third story of Opera Hall. The disturbance occurred at the rear of the hall during the meeting, when some one cried "fire." There was a frantic rush to the door. A few cool heads attempted to stem the tide but in vain. Many people were bruised. Several women fainted and Miss Holt was knocked down, trampled upon and badly cut. When quiet was restored the meeting proceeded, a small audience remaining.

## An Explosive Value.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 5 .- An exciting event occurred on the Kingston & Pembrook Railroad out-bound train last evening. It seems one of the passengers had a valise which containing some kind of chemicals, which the heat affected, and while the train was run-ning at a good speed an explosion occurred. Thirty people were in the car, and great commotion followed. The fire communicated to the seats, and but for the efforts of the train-men and passengers, who applied snow in the absence of water, the coach would have been destroyed. The contents of the valise is unknown.

Fifteen Houses Burned.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 5 .- At an early hour this morning a destructive fire occurred at Meyersdale, Pa., thirty-five miles from here. Mayor Hebb, of this city, received a telegram from Meyersdale asking aid to extinguish the fire as the town was burning. He at once sent a steamer, two hose carts and about twenty-five men on a special train. The fire originated in the center of the town, in the main business block, where all the principal stores were located. It was first discovered at Haltzhover's store, and before it could be checked fifteen houses were either damaged or destroyed.

Rend & Co. Victorious.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 5 .- In the case of Rend & Co. against the Hocking Valley Railway, Judge Baxter to-day issued a rule against the defendants at Columbus on the thirteenth to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt in disobeying the injunction to furnish cars to Rend & Co., and carry their coal. It seems the company furnished cars, but refused to give through rates and required prepayment at local rates.

Ex-Gov. Sprague's Former Property. PROVIDENCE, R. L. Dec. 5 .- The Narragansett Park property was sold at noon to day at auction for \$130,000 and bid in by Wm. H. Greene for a syndicate. It will be paid for and a deed given December 10 at the Jackson Bank. Several additional names were put on the list this morning, and the syndicate will number seventy-four persons. They will apply for a charter and run the track.

For a Permanent Memorial Hall.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 4.-The Grand Army of the Republic's fair and festival opened this evening at the Music Hall and will or ntinue until the 13th, inclusive. The affair was gotten up for the purpose of raising funds with which to build a permanent G. A. R. memorial hall. Among the prominent people who took part in the opening exer-cises were ex-President Hayes.

A Fizzie. CHICAGO, Dec. 5.-The Dalton-Anderson alleged glove fight to-night turned out a been warned by the public to indulge in no knocking out. "Little Dickey" Kane, a well-known local feather weight, says he will fight with Dalton or Anderson.

Sentenced for Life.

Curason, Dec. 5.-Joe Williams, the negro sho murdered Minnie Brooks, a notorio

A "FENCE" ACROSS THE BORDER.

The Notorious Mme. Mandelbaum Gone With the Cashiers.

Tononto, Ont., Dec. 5 .- "Madame" Mandelbaum, the notorious New York receiver of stolen goods, is in this city. She arrived in company with her son Wednesday morning. Her present residence is concealed, but as she is not stopping at any hotel, it is suspected she is with some old friends. "The unknown lawyer," says the Telegram, "who States courts. A rumor was current this morning that she intends to renounce her American nationality and become a British subject. She thinks this will protect her against arrest.

#### THE "DAGOS."

A British Pleasure Boat Defies Portu-

guese Customs Authorities. MADEIRA, Dec. 5 .- The British pleasure bark Tyburnia arrived yesterday with a plesure party, including several ladies. On account of some petty infringement of the customs relations the vessel was under threat of seizure by Custom House authorities. The captain, not wishing to have the party The captain, not wishing to have the party under his charge detained for an indefinite time, got under way at midnight. The fort opened fire, but the Tyburnia ran the gauntlet, keeping well in shore. The Custom House steamer, which was on watch to see that the Tyburnia did not attempt to get off, threatened to sink her, but derisive cheers were called from the lady passengers on board, and the captain and crew, who kept on deck acknowledging each shot by kept on deck acknowledging each shot by dipping the British ensign. The captain is a native of Charleston. The Tyburnia got clear. The customs authorities are in a dreadful state of wrath at this defiance of their petty authority.

A Novel Case.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 5 .- In the Kelly murder trial to-day, Mr. Hadleock, for the defense, argued on his plea of former jeopardy. He admitted that the point was a novel one, a like case not being found on record. The plea rests not on any law or decision, but on facts. District Attorney Lunt, in a reply claimed that to constitute a former jeopardy there should be either a former conviction or acquittal. He claimed Kelly has not been put in jeopardy of his life, or limb. Justice Webb reserved his decision on the points

A Fifteen-Year Sentence.

his wife, was tried to-day in the Criminal Court. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, and the Judge sentenced Palmer to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

Republican States Ahead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The vote cast by the electors of several of the States for President and vice-President were received by the President of the Senate to-day. The first, which came by messenger, was that of Pennsylvania; first received by mail was that of New Hampshire.

To Trade With the Africans.

Berlin, Dec. 4 .- Prof. Fleglhas organized an expedition to start in the spring for the Benue River, Africa, in the interest of a newly-formed Hamburg company to develop trade in that region. He is having a small steamer built that can be transported by a vessel to Africa.

Aground and Leaking. LONDON, Dec. 5.-The British steamship Tynemouth, from Savannah for Bremen. went ashore this morning on Terschilling island. She is now full of water, and her salvage will depend upon the weather. A

heavy gale is blowing. Twenty-six bales of cotton from her cargo have been landed. Short in His Accounts.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 5 .- It has been discovered that M. L. Blanton, cashier of the freight delivery depot of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad in this city, is about \$1,000 short in his accounts. He has been a leading member of the Meth-

A Large Distillery Burns.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 5 .- Fleishman's distillery and yeast factory at Millstone burned this morning. The loss is \$50, 000; insured. The government books and property were saved, as was also \$500,000 worth of liquor stored in the bonded ware-

Eight Oddities.

A Newark, N. J., girl's poodle has been taught to drink applejack. Out of Italy's 29,000,000 inhabitants only 1,000,000 subscribe to newspapers.

An industrious hen at San Jose, Cal., re-cently hatched seven chickens, each of which had four legs. A bed of oyster shells as large as dinner plates was discovered by a Tallahassee, Fla., man while digging a well.

A recent issue of The Rutland (Vt.) Herald was printed on paper made entirely of sawdust, shavings, chips, pieces of wood, and refuse of saw-mills, with not a particle of rag in it. The paper is strong and tough.

A species of ant observed in the Island of St. Thomas has been described to the French Academy of Science. A large fire having been kindled at a certain distance from the ant hill, the ants were seen to precipitate themselves into it by thousands, until it was completely extinguished.

fight to-night turned out a son has found a satisfactory means of came ing painless death, and has introduced it into the Home for Leet Dogs in London. The After much experimenting, Dr. Richardanimals to be killed are placed in a chamber charged with a mixture of carbonic oxide and chloroform vapor, when they tranquilly fall asleep and wake no more.

A chemist in Munich bas, it is stated, suc-A chemist in Munich has, it is stated, succeeded in obtaining from distilled coal a white crystalline powder, which, as far as regards its action on the human system, cannot be distinguished from quinine, except that it assumitates even more readily with the stomach. Its efficacy in rectiging fewer hast is represented as quite remarkable, and its represented as quite remarkable, and

# PROHIBITIONISTS.

THEIR FEASTING AND TOASTING.

A Banquet of the Cold-Water Men and Women of the Fifth Congressional District at the Eagle.

The Prohibitionists of the Fifth Congressional feasted, congratulated and, as one of brought deeds to Notary Cahey, is said to be their number expressed it, got unutterably Murphy, one of the ablest criminal lawyers in Toronto. The police affect to know nothing about her. If not extradited "Old Mother Baum" will probably join the American colony at Montreal, at present presided over by Enos Hinckley and half a dozen other defaulters. It is claimed here that she is beyond the reach of process of the United States courts. A remore was current this upon the chef de cuisine and mine host Johnston. Of course about the first query that will strike the general reader will be why have the Prohibitionists feasted? What have they to felicitate themselves about? A perusal of the different toasts will reveal the answer. The main tenor of every speech delivered at last night's feast was a determination to "hold together" and a rejoicing at the defeat of the Republican party. They were all glad that the Republican party had been defeated, and anything derisive of that party was accepted with applause, establishing beyond doubt that the Prohibitionists of the Fifth district of Michigan have set themselves against, and are an avowed enemy of the Republican party. After all had fed fat their infant grudge, Judge Tatem arose and assigned the following toast to Rev. Dr. Graves: "Be sure you are right, then go ahead. We feel that we are right, as there is a just God will go on to the front." Dr. Graves responded at considerable

> The next toast, "Ye Prohibitionist, Shame on you. You threw away your votes and defeated the grand old temperance party. You have thrown prohibition back twenty years." Rev. O. S. Grinnell responded, and said he felt ashamed that he did not take hold of prohibition sooner.

"The Woman's Christian Union. They are to the Prohibition party what the wife is to the husband: the better half. Mrs. Brown, in response said: Woman's influence is the anchor of society. In all countries woman the Constitution of the United States. The defendant had pleaded to one indictment, and having been discharged, he cannot be again put on trial under a new indictment for the same crime with the same array of re going to work and pray that we may have an equal half at the ballot-box as well as the better half.

W. J. Johnston responded at length to the "Republican-Prohibitionist," and said they had left the Republican party for good, and would never return. Then followed the toast, "The Ballot; give woman the bal-Baltimore, Dec. Samuel Palmer, a lot and the rights of many a heart negro under indictment for the murder of and home will be avenged." Mrs. Hodges said in response that the proper response was contained in the toast.

"St. John and Daniel traduced, burned and slandered, but God bless them. They will live in the hearts of all good people when their traducers are driven into the ground under the wheels of prohibition as it rolls on to victory." Responded to by Myron H. Walker, who spoke at some length, rejoicing in what the party had already accomplished and predicting final success and victory. The toast, "Let moral cowards compromise with wrong, if they will. But for us, give us principle first, and party afterwards," was responded to by Rev. Chas. Beale, late of Cadillac.

It being too late to allow of further responses the remaining toasts were read by Judge Tatem.

"The efforts of the Republican and Democratic parties combined cannot crush out our little giant, prohibition: God is our ally. We have come to stay."

"If the Republican party desire they can hold our coats while we fight the old Bourburn party. But we would advise them to keep back out of the way, lest they get hurt." "As it is not a National question, I guess I

will not vote at all. James G. Blaine. Shaw." "The day is not far distant when all good men (and women too) will vote the Prohibition ticket. Then we shall be able to convert the old Democratic party into an umbrella to shade our little tree of prohibition."

"Our country, whether you be Democrat, Republican, Greenbacker or Prohibitionist, remember we have but one flag, one constitution, one country. Free America, your country and mine alike, and our prayer should be save her, oh God, from the curse of rum."

"Our Landlord: Where duty calls there we always find him. He keeps a hotel on the same principle that he votes. Always looking to the welfare of the people."

The whole company then arose and terminated an exceedingly happy social event by singing with much earnestness "Rold the

## AMUSEMENTS.

A Large Audience at Powers's Last Night-"Aimee."

A large andience greeted the third performance of "Siberia" at Powers's last evening. and the play passed off smoothly. The andience was enthusiastic and gave frequent applance, especially at the end of each set. The cornet soloists were encored three or four times in the third set. To-night is the last opportunity to witness this strong and well-cast play, and those who do not seize the opportunity will have missed what is considered by all who have seen it, the best pro-

DEATH CALL PRINGS The "Georgie Wonder" at Redmond's tomorrow night, will doubtless attract a large attendance. It is the phenomena of the day. How the young lady is possessed of such marvelons strength has never been explained. She performs all her feats nuterials. There is nothing charact of spiritualism or legerdemain to her nes. Some one be named at P

## ORNO STRONG ACQUITTED.

The Jury Renders a Verdict That Satisfies the People.

Special Dispatch to THE TRIBUBAN. HASTINGS, Dec. 5 .- The case of Foote v. Strong was concluded in the Circuit Court to-day. The jury was out but one hour, and returned with a verdict of not guilty. This verdict was anticipated and the people are satisfied. There was an exciting scene upon the announcement of the verdict, and a large number present congratulated Strong. Judge Mills, of Kalamazoo, presided.

It will be remembered that during the latter part of last May Orno Strong, the respected and wide-awake editor of the Nashville News, threw that village into great excitement by shooting Dr. Foote. Strong had become convinced that his wife was untrue to him, and that the man most to blame for destroying his happiness was Doctor Foote, the physicians employed in his family. Coming into possession of new facts Strong proceeded to the office of Foote, when he found the doctor had gone into the country and would be back at a certain time. He procured a horse, took a revolver and went over the road by which the doctor would return. He met his victim and demanded of him a certain letter he had in his possession. The doctor refusing to deliver manded of him a certain letter he had in his possession. The doctor refusing to deliver it, Strong drew his revolver and shot the doctor in the leg. They both alighted from their vehicles and participated in an earnest scuffle, and were with difficulty separated by others, who were drawn to the scene. Doctor Foote had Strong arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill, the trial resulting as above. Orno Strong is an indusof assault with intent to kill, the trial resulting as above. Orno Strong is an industrious, hard-working man. He started in life for himself without a dollar, and by hard work had succeeded in obtaining a home and one of the best newspaper properties in the State. He is an active member of both of the leading press associations in the State and is highly esteemed by all members of the fraternity. A man earnestly devoted to his home until the time a third party stepped in to make it a dark and unparty stepped in to make it a dark and un-happy place for him. The Telegram tenders him hearty congratulations upon the verdict rendered yesterday.

Bible Study.

Bible class to-night at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. P. Moerdyk in charge. All are invited. Subject. "Drunkenness." Prov. xxiii. 29-35.

TRADE AND FINANCE.

Grand Rapids.

TELEGRAM OFFICE, Dec. 5. GRAIN-Corn, 56c. Onts, 25@28c; retail 25c. Wheat: Clauson, 72; red long berry, 74; ahort berry, 72. Rye, 56 lbs, 50@55c. FLOURAND FREE-Pastry, 24 30 wholesale; 25 @ retail; patent, \$5 30 wholesale, \$6 00 retail; mid dlings, per ton, \$16 00 wholesale, \$1 00 per cwt Bran, per ton, \$13 00 wholesale; 800'90c per cwt. Meal and feed, per ton, \$20 00 wholesale; \$1 19 per

PROVISIONS—Beef, per side, \$5 00665 50. Veals \$8 0069 00, scarce. Lambs \$5 0066 00; mutton, \$6 635. Dressed hogs, \$4 5065 00. Pork: Per bli mess, \$16 00; hams, 14600c; shoulders, \$210c smoked beef, 16c; bacon, 124c. Vennison failure per lb. Lard: Tierces, 10c kettie.

BUTTER AND CHEESE—Butter: Tube and jare 20622c; crosmery, tube, 25c. Cheese: Pull crosm 114c, half crosm, 74c.

POULTRY—Spring chicken: Alive, \$610c per lb. Fowls: Alive, 768c; dressed, 768c. Turkeys, Alive, 8610c; dressed, 10611c. Ducks, dressed 10611c.

10@11c.

EGGS-Fresh, lots, 22c; basket lots, 22c.

VEGETABLES-Potatoes: 25@25c; sweet potatoes, per bbl, \$4 50@5 00. Onions: Fer bu, yellow, 40c; silver skins, 50@50c. Beets, per bu, 35c. Cabbage, per hundred, \$3 00@5 00. Squash, per hundred, 75@1 00. Turnips, per bu, 25c. Osiery, per doz, 20@25c. Cranberrys, \$6 00 per bu.

FRESH FRUITS-Apples, per bu, 25@40c. Grapes Kelley Island, 10@12%c.

HONEY-White clover, 12%c; dark, 5@7c; strained, 8c.

SALT—Syracuse, barrel, \$1 25; Saginaw, \$1 10. SEEDS—Timothy, \$1 5061 75; clover, \$4 0064 red top, 7561 00. Hides—Green, per lb, 7c; part cured, 86884; fullicured, 84684; dry hides and kips, 8612c; oalf skins, green or cured, 10c; deacon skins, per piece,

SHEEF PELTS—Shearlings or Summer skins, per piece, 10@20c; fall pelts, 40@50c; Winter pelts, 60@75c. WOOL—Fine washed, 20@22c; coarse washed 16a 18c; unwashed %. HAY—\$10@12; baled \$14 per ton wholesale; 80@

We per cwt.
STRAW—Per load, \$3624.
Wood—Hard, selling at \$2.25 per cord for block, split wood, \$2.50.
COAL—Stove and nut, \$7.25 per ton; agg and grate, \$7.00 per ton.
KEROSENE—Water white, per gallon, 18%; lead.

THE STOCKS.

· New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. In Wall street money closed easy at 1% per cent; Exchange closed firm; posted rates at 4.82 64.86; actual rates 4.81% fit4.81% for 60 days, and 4.854@4.854 for demand. Governments flor firm; currency 6's, 126 bid; 6's coupons, 120%

bid; 4%'s coupons 118% bid.

Pacific railroad bonds closed as follows: Union
Pacific first bonds, 112% to 118% bid; land grants bonds, 196% to 195%; sinking funds 117% to 118; Centrals, 111% to 111%.

The stock market this morning was extremely dull, and the fluctuations were light and m portant. There was no news in circulation, and the bull clique seemed content in holding the market up to the present figures. On the other hand their opponents made but little efforts to force prices down. They also are apparently waiting developments before making further van-tures, while the fears of a squeeze in some of the leaders have created considerable timidity among them. The tone of the market was firm on su porting orders, and at noon prices were fractionally up. During the afternoon the market was a little more active, but the trading was as devoid of feature as during the morning. There were frequent fluctuations as the result of contexts between the opposing elements and at the close prices were irregularly changed, but in most instances prices were up & to 3 per cent. The specialties were dull. The sains to-day suggested

## GRAIN MARKETS. New York

New York, Dec. 5.